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	Christopher J Nichols, Ph.D.	1647	

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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 27 February 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

see attached re: petition to correct inventorship

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Amendments

1. The Amendment After Allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 filed 27 February 2004 has been received and entered in full. No patentability issues have been raised.

Status of Inventorship

2. Receipt is acknowledged of the request that Frederique Bard and Theodore Yednock be deleted as named inventors pursuant to the Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) filed on 27 February 2004. The inventorship has been corrected as requested. No patentability issues have been raised.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 6-8, 11-16, 19-25, 27-32, 35-37, 40, 41, 44, 69-71, 76 stand allowed pursuant to the Notice of Allowability mailed on 3 December 2003.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Christopher James Nichols, Ph.D.** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-0889**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Gary Kunz, Ph.D.** can be reached on **(571) 272-0887**.

The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **703-872-9306**.

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